

other claims and with the disclosure itself. (Compare, for example, Claim 12.) Applicant has previously discussed this matter with the Examiner, who indicated that it should be submitted in the form of an amendment after final rejection. If there are any questions in this regard, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

In further response to the final Office Action dated August 2, 1999, and in accordance with the Advisory Action dated February 9, 2000, Applicant hereby:

a. Surrenders U.S. Patent No. 5,510,982 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.178; and

b. Submits the Cumulative Final Reissue Declaration executed by each of the inventors.

In accordance with the Advisory Action dated February 9, 2000, Applicant respectfully submits that the submission of the above two items satisfies all outstanding formal requirements, and that this application is now in condition for allowance.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would

be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Deposit Account of Evenson, McKeown, Edwards & Lenahan, P.L.L.C., Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381TO/41092RE).

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